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prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service for such purpose and shall include therein the information required by the form and the instructions issued with respect thereto. For calendar years beginning after December 31, 1986, the return, which must be made on a calendar year basis, shall be filed by a real estate investment trust on Form 8612 and by a regulated investment company on Form 8613.

[T.D. 8180, 53 FR 6148, Mar. 1, 1988]

§ 55.6060-1 Reporting requirements for tax return preparers.

(a) *In general.* A person that employs one or more tax return preparers to prepare a return or claim for refund under chapter 44 of subtitle D of the Internal Revenue Code, other than for the person, at any time during a return period, shall satisfy the record keeping and inspection requirements in the manner stated in § 1.6060-1 of this chapter.

(b) *Effective/applicability date.* This section is applicable to returns and claims for refund filed after December 31, 2008.

[T.D. 9436, 73 FR 78459, Dec. 22, 2008]

§ 55.6061-1 Signing of returns and other documents.

Any return required to be made by a real estate investment trust or a regulated investment company with respect to the tax imposed by Chapter 44 shall be signed by a person authorized by section 6062 of the Code to sign the income tax return of the real estate investment trust or the regulated investment company. Any statement or other document required to be made with respect to the tax imposed by Chapter 44 shall be signed by the person required or duly authorized to sign in accordance with the regulations, forms, or instructions prescribed with respect to such statement or document. An individual's signature on a return, statement, or other document made by or for the real estate investment trust or the regulated investment company shall be prima facie evidence that the individual is authorized to sign the return, statement, or other document.

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§ 55.6065-1 Verification of returns.

If a return, statement, or other document made under the provisions of Chapter 44 or Subtitle F or the Code or the regulations thereunder with respect to any tax imposed by Chapter 44 of the Code, or the form and instructions issued with respect to such return, statement, or other document, requires that it shall contain or be verified by a written declaration that it is made under the penalties of perjury, it must be so verified by the person or persons required to sign such return, statement, or other document. In addition, any other statement or document submitted under any provision of Chapter 44 or Subtitle F of the Code or regulations thereunder with respect to any tax imposed by Chapter 44 of the Code may be required to contain or be verified by a written declaration that it is made under the penalties of perjury.

§ 55.6071-1 Time for filing returns.

(a) *Returns for calendar years beginning after December 31, 1986.* A return required by § 55.6011-1 for any calendar year beginning after December 31, 1986, shall be filed on or before March 15 of the following calendar year. See § 55.6081-1 for rules relating to extensions of time for filing a return required by § 55.6011-1.

(b) *Returns for excise tax under section 4981 as in effect before amendment by the Tax Reform Act of 1986.* A return required by § 55.6011-1 for any excise tax under section 4981, as in effect before amendment by the Tax Reform Act of 1986, shall be filed at the time (including any extension of time granted or allowed under section 6081) that the real estate investment trust is required to file its income tax return under section 6012 for the taxable year for which the tax under section 4981, as in effect before amendment by the Tax Reform Act of 1986, is imposed.

[T.D. 8180, 53 FR 6148, Mar. 1, 1988]

§ 55.6081-1 Automatic extension of time for filing a return due under Chapter 44.

(a) *In general.* A Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) required to file a return on Form 8612, "Return of Excise

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Tax on Undistributed Income of Real Estate Investment Trusts,” or a Regulated Investment Company (RIC) required to file a return on Form 8613, “Return of Excise Tax on Undistributed Income of Regulated Investment Companies,” will be allowed an automatic 6-month extension of time to file the return after the date prescribed for filing the return if the REIT or RIC files an application under this section in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) *Requirements.* To satisfy this paragraph (b), a REIT or RIC must—

(1) Submit a complete application on Form 7004, “Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File Certain Business Income Tax, Information, and Other Returns,” or in any other manner prescribed by the Commissioner;

(2) File the application on or before the date prescribed for filing the return with the Internal Revenue Service office designated in the application’s instructions; and

(3) Remit the amount of the properly estimated unpaid tax liability on or before the date prescribed for payment.

(c) *No extension of time for the payment of tax.* An automatic extension of time for filing a return granted under paragraph (a) of this section will not extend the time for payment of any tax due on such return.

(d) *Termination of automatic extension.* The Commissioner may terminate an automatic extension at any time by mailing to the REIT or RIC a notice of termination at least 10 days prior to the termination date designated in such notice. The Commissioner must mail the notice of termination to the address shown on the Form 7004 or to the REIT or RIC’s last known address. For further guidance regarding the definition of last known address, see § 301.6212-2 of this chapter.

(e) *Penalties.* See section 6651 for failure to file or failure to pay the amount shown as tax on the return.

(f) *Effective/applicable dates.* This section is applicable for applications for an automatic extension of time to file a return due under chapter 44, filed after July 1, 2008.

[T.D. 9407, 73 FR 37369, July 1, 2008]

§ 55.6091-1 Place for filing Chapter 44 tax returns.

Except as provided in § 55.6091-2 (relating to exceptional cases):

(a) *In general.* Chapter 44 tax returns shall be filed with any person assigned the responsibility to receive returns in the local Internal Revenue Service office serving the principal place of business or principal office or agency of the real estate investment trust or regulated investment company.

(b) *Returns filed with service centers or by hand carrying.* Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this section, unless a return is filed by hand carrying, whenever instructions applicable to Chapter 44 tax returns provide that the returns be filed with a service center, the returns must be so filed in accordance with the instructions. Returns which are filed by hand carrying shall be filed with any person assigned the responsibility to receive hand-carried returns in the local Internal Revenue Service office in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section.

[T.D. 7767, 46 FR 11282, Feb. 6, 1981; 46 FR 15263, Mar. 5, 1981. Redesignated and amended by T.D. 8180, 53 FR 6148, Mar. 1, 1988; T.D. 9156, 69 FR 55746, Sept. 16, 2004]

§ 55.6091-2 Exceptional cases.

Notwithstanding the provisions of § 55.6091-1, the Commissioner may permit the filing of any Chapter 44 tax return in any local Internal Revenue Service office.

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§ 55.6107-1 Tax return preparer must furnish copy of return or claim for refund to taxpayer and must retain a copy or record.

(a) *In general.* A person who is a signing tax return preparer of any return or claim for refund of tax under Chapter 44 of subtitle D of the Internal Revenue Code shall furnish a completed copy of the return or claim for refund to the taxpayer, and retain a completed copy or record in the manner stated in § 1.6107-1 of this chapter.

(b) *Effective/applicability date.* This section is applicable to returns and